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Reference is made to the October 29, 1975, request by the Subcommittee as it pertained to the Lee Harvey Oswald file of 69 documents which existed at the time of the deliberations of the Warren Commission and as to which of these documents were reviewed by the Commission and which were not so reviewed. Further reference is made to the response of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), dated November 26, 1975, which enclosed a copy of a letter dated May 4, 1964, from the then Director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, to Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, the President's Commission, identifying the 69 documents constituting the Oswald file prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

As a supplement to the above-referenced response of the FBI, dated November 26, 1975, the following information is being furnished:

Records of the FBI disclose that the aforementioned letter to Mr. Rankin was prepared following a discussion between former assistant to the Director Alan H. Belmont and staff members of the Warren Commission regarding the contents of the Oswald file up to the date of President Kennedy's assassination. When advised by Mr. Belmont that all pertinent information had previously been furnished to the Commission, it was agreed that a letter from the FBI should be directed to Mr. Rankin describing the 69 documents contained in Oswald's file, following which a Commission staff member would review the file for an item by item comparison with the documents listed in the letter.

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On May 4, 1964, Mr. Samuel Stern of the Commission made such a review and on the same date Mr. Belmont introduced Mr. Hoover's letter to Mr. Rankin before the Commission. Mr. Belmont offered to make Oswald's file available for review by the full Commission; however, that option was not exercised.

Records of the FBI further disclose that the pertinent information concerning Oswald as furnished to the Commission consisted of the following reports which incorporated the results of the FBI investigation of Oswald up to the date of President Kennedy's assassination:

Report of Special Agent (SA) John W. Fain,
dated July 3, 1961, at Dallas, Texas.

Report of SA John W. Fain, dated July 10, 1962,
at Dallas, Texas.

Report of SA John W. Fain, dated August 30, 1962,
at Dallas, Texas.

Report of SA James P. Hosty, dated September 10,
1963, at Dallas, Texas.

Report of SA Milton R. Kaack, dated October 31,
1963, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTE:

The attached memorandum was prepared in coordination with SA [redacted] Legal Counsel Division, based on request from Mr. Thomas Breen, staff member of the Subcommittee for additional information designating which documents from the Oswald file were reviewed by the Warren Commission.